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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Inventor: J. H. Burbank, et al.

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For: Fluid Processing Systems and Methods  
Using Extracorporeal Fluid Flow Panels  
Oriented Within a Cartridge

Group Art Unit: 3762

Examiner: BIANCO, Patricia

Atty. Docket: 53951-025

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**  
**TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir/Madam:

In response to the restriction requirement mailed 8/29/2003. please amend the application  
as proposed and enter the election indicated as follows.

**RESTRICTION AND PROVISIONAL ELECTION**

**Restriction**

The Office Action identified three classes of invention as follows:

Class I: Claims 1-25 and 28-32,

Class II: Claim 26, and

Class III: Claim 27.

Applicants hereby elect Class I.

**Provisional Election**

The Office Action identified four classes of species to which the invention will be restricted if a generic claim is finally held to be allowable. The claims have been amended so that they all fall under a species which is substantially the same as the second, labeled B.